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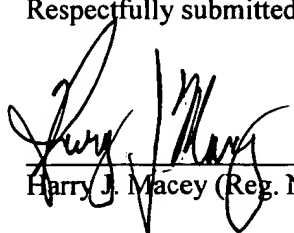
Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner dated **November 7, 2000** that resulted in Applicant having claims that have been twice or finally rejected.

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